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SETS OF RATE-COMPATIBLE UNIVERSAL TURBO CODES NEARLY OPTIMIZED OVER

VARIOUS RATES AND **INTERLEAVER SIZES**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 6 with the

following new paragraph: 1-This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §

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